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SUBJECT: Contact with Communist China

REF: STATE 202020; WARSAW 3717

1. On basis of China's reaction my approach (WARSAW 3715),

I believe it would be best in public treatment to add as little  
as possible to King's response at December 4 noon briefing.

If questions are ~~presented~~ at December 5 noon briefing and

additional comments cannot be avoided, suggested guidance

in STATE 202020 seems to remain within limits set, on one hand,

by desirability but not helpful speculation and show

Administration's positive approach to matter of talks and,

on other hand, by desirability of attempting to avoid

stimulation of further negative response from China. In this

emphasis on prior understanding not to reveal content of

content of talk to public. ~~WORKING~~ makes it especially

difficult to be ~~WORKING~~ without revealing it to public.

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important, to avoid being drawn into explicit description of subject matter by remarks. (As far as we aware, we have never had any understanding with Calicoms for or against social contacts.)

2. Warsaw correspondents now have story based on Department's December 4 briefing. Pending confirmation that STATE 202020 guidance used we shall continue hold to December 4 line. We shall also take this line with diplomats, some of whom are beginning to inquire.

3. I am hosting dinner for Polish FM Min JEDRYCHOWSKI which begins at 2000 Warsaw time December 5. Ambassadors and press reps will also be present. Please inform me by immediate cable, if possible prior to 2000 hours Warsaw time, of anything said at December 5 noon briefing.

4. Suggest it might be useful following any further discussion at briefing December 5 for SIMONS to contact Lo again (a) to tell him how we handling matter and (b) to make point that we are not rpt not revealing content of remarks. advise.

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### REFERENCES

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## Classification

**PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS**

1. On basis of Chicom reaction my approach (WARSAW 3716), believe it would be best in public treatment to add as little as possible to King's response at December 4 noon briefing. If questions are pressed at December 5 noon briefing and additional comments cannot be avoided, suggested guidance in STATE 202020 seems to remain within limits set, on one hand, by desirability-cut-off unhelpful speculation and show Administration's positive approach to matter of talks and, on other hand, by desirability of attempting to avoid stimulation of further negative response from Chicom. LO's emphasis on prior understanding not to reveal content rpt content of talks to public makes it especially

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